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JOB-TRAINING COURSES IN CITY HIGH SCHOOLS

The facilities afforded by Attucks High School for the training of youths in the manual arts or skilled trades are commendable. However, the demands upon the present facilities swamp the capacity of the industrial arts department, it has been reported widely. Again there is an immediate need for other facilities to train youths in trades to meet the demands of industrial organizations busy in the war effort.

The war effort, we are told, needs the full expression of the abilities and the widest contribution of resources of all citizens of this community or the nation. Individuals in this community as elsewhere must be trained to fill places in industry. Worthy Negro youths and adults alike are now awaiting the opportunities for training to meet the demands for workers in skilled trades.

Numerous instances are reported of youths and adults alike desirous of qualifying for particular trades. The training facilities as offered by the city educational board, are not available at Attucks High School. It is most unlikely that new facilities for training in other trades will be available at Attucks High School any time soon. The matter of shop quarters and other considerations, including the reluctance of the school board to respond to the issue are

However, in behalf of an all-out war effort, the training facilities of the Emmerich Manual and Arsenal Technical High Schools should be made available to all youths and adults alike of the city. These schools offer a wide scope of facilities, more trade training programs, and are generally ahead of other schools of this city and many other cities in plans or programs of manual arts training.

Individuals sponsoring the present Citizens' School Committee Ticket seeking election to the school board in November or persons on the Citizens' School Committee Ticket have been solicited on the matter of improving the manual arts training program at Attucks High School. No favorable committments have been made. The matter should be of great importance to Negro citizens for future time.

The Independent School Committee Ticket or persons on this ticket are reported as favoring some remedy for the condition. The present school board might make a constructive and commendable contribution to the war effort, by opening the job training courses or departments of Arsenal Technical, and Emmerich Manual High Schools to all aspiring youths of the city.

THE SPIRIT OF THE BOND RALLY CARRIES OVER

People in all walks of life, Negro and white citizens, business and industrial leaders, professional people and citizens generally are still enthused over the recent Bond Rally. Scores of citizens have seen fit to make some highly appreciable comment on the bond sales drive. This affords the numerous sponsors of the Bond Rally a deserved inclination to pride in their work. Better still for them to boast. people are now buying bonds or making inquires on the likeliness of their purchase of bonds being credited to the Bond Rally.

All agree the Bond Rally has not been equalled in gathering the responses of the people. Some entertain ideas of having produced greater results under given conditions and some of the really optimistic entertain ideas of holding another bond sales drive in the very near future. This idea is not agreeable, nor will it bear the sanction of the U.S. agencies directing the bond sales program. However, the purpose of the recent drive was to sell bonds, and more bonds will be and must be sold each day of the week, month, and year.

It now appears, colored citizens of this community are fully imbued with the idea, that it is every man's duty or obligation to buy bonds to pay the cost of the war. In the offices of THE RECORDER where the affairs of the War and Bigger saw the side of a white sharp bright point lingering on in the roof to his left, holding his word. Ought he to run? Suppose Bond Committee are being concluded after three months' work, this observation holds fully. In fact the inquiries in gone out suddenly and darkness is foward the trapdoor and climbed another roof? Naw! There would lit the roof to a daylight bright- the searching knives of light. Soon on bond purchases have been such, that in keeping with the hole and stand with his back gun handle against the man's head door shut; it did. Now, that roof and they would be afraid; they man held a gun.. He would have farther, for he would reach that the suggestion of the local offices of the U. S. War Bond to him, flashlight in hand. The stayed on his ears. He had not was clear! He breathed a silent would be glad to give him up and to cross to other roofs before this point where the roof ended and Sales Promotion Agency THE RECORDER will most likely idea took hold swiftly. Hit him. moved from his tracks; his right prayer. sponsor a bond sales agency. The idea is entertained in Hit him! In the head. Whether hand was still extended upward, keeping with civic or patriotic fervor of our constitutents, know and it did not matter. He at the man, the sound of the metal across the roof. He came to a was about to run, he saw a head of these houses. On all fours, he keeping in mind that white loom-had to hit this man before he turn- against bone fading in his ears small mound of brick, where the bob up in the hole. Another man scanned of the same through and stood over the stood over the same through and stood over the same through the sa

Negro citizens, in contact with leaders and general bus- ed that spot of yellow on him and like a dying whisper. iness or industrial people, are saying 'The spirit of the then yelled for the others. Bond Rally has promoted something new in the trends of the man's head, it seemed that not remember; then it started hole was still empty. If he tried be putting his hand upon his face snow. civic or business and patriotic fellowship." Scores of in- an hour passed, an hour filled with again, and in the interval in which to climb over, would the man come Then another came through. One dividuals have made such observations. Many have taken pain and doubt and anguish and he had not heard it seemed to out of the hole just in time to see of the men centered his flashlight hoisted himself flat upon it, and none came. time out to report at the offices of THE RECORDER on suspense, filled with the sharp hold for him some precious hid- him? He had to take the chance, on Jerry's body and Bigger saw slid over. He did not think now He stopped at a ledge and look-throb of life lived upon a needle- den danger, as though for a dread- He grabbed the ledge, hoisted him- one bend and roll the body over. of how much strength was need- ed back; he saw in the lurid glare their recent experiences or observations.

Finally, we of THE RECORDER are fully appreciative caught the gun which he held in at his post with an enemy near ment on the ice, then slid to the of the men ran to the sheer edge capture made him forget even the man stumbling over the snow. of all constructive results that may accrue out of the suc- his right, took it into the fingers He looked through the whirling over. He felt of the roof, overlooking the street; cold, forget even that he had no Ought he to stop and shoot? Naw! cess of the Bond Rally. The idea of the war bond sales of his left hand, turned it round, spokes of light and saw a trap snow in his face and eyes; his his hand went to his mouth and strength left. From somewhere in More would be coming in a more drive in its origin germinated in the offices of THE RE- held it by the barrel; all one mo- left. He stood rigid, holding the other chimney and waited; it was tle, sharp, thin. The roar in the blood and bone, he called up energy He had to find some place to hide, CORDER. However, the success of the idea, a bond selling tion, swift, silent; done in one gun, watching, waiting. If only the so cold that he had a wild wish street died; the siren stopped; but to run and dodge with but one some abush from which he could drive, must be credited to the citizens of our city. The breath with eyes staring unblink- man did not see him when he to merge into the circling columns of yellow con- impulse; he had to elude these fight. citizens bought bonds and the citizens of the community ingly. HIT HIM! He lifted it. came up! head came into view; the chimney and have it all over. tinued to whirl. In the peace and men. He was crawling to the oth- past the white looming bulk which aware of this duty or obligation will buy more bonds in high, by the barrell. Yes. HIT a white man climbed out of the was clawing to the out past the winter bonding the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonding the winter bonding the winter bonding the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the winter bonds in the was clawing to the out past the winter bonds in the was clawing to the winter bonds in the was claw the winter bonds in the

The various doctrines of hate and intolerance abiding among us are more dangerous to "the ship of state" than termites are to a dilapidated building of wood.

Self-discipline is a respect of liberty and freedom under met the bone of the skull; stopped, spite of the siren and the clang which good citizens neither impose nor trespass upon the rights of others.

The person who thinks he has never acted the part of a fool, fools no one but himself.

Unity of purpose does not necessarily indicate that full length in the cushion of snow, had to get away from this trapcommendable results are to be achieved.

A democracy may commit suicide, by suffering a re- ing sound of the metal against the yell before he got a chance to get scrambled in again, screaming: straint on the ideals or hopes of a category of its citizens, bone of the skull; it stayed on his him. He squeezed against the

The Negro and Labor Day



BY A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

This Labor Day finds the workers of the world, Negro and white, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, and practically every country in the world engaged in a global war. Some of these workers are deluded by the mythological totalitarian promises, generalities and ideologies of Hitler's Nazism, Hirohito's Militarism, and Mussolini's Fascism. Workers in the United Nations are fighting under the aegis of the democratic political system. In the Third Reich, Italy and Japan where Fascism prevails, there is no free trade union movement. Labor organizations have been crushed and their leaders thrown into concentration camps and their funds confiscated. In the democratic countries such as England, America, Australia and Canada workers are still free to build trade unions for the protection and advancement of their living standards and the defense of their civil and political liberties.

Because of these well established differences between the nature and aims of the Axis powers and the United Nations, Negroes who are a minority group and represent in the main workers who must earn their living by selling their labor power in the market from day to day, have no choice save to throw their lot with the Unitedited Nations and fight to abolish the tyranny

But while it is imperative for the Negroes to join whole heartedly in the all-out struggle of the United Nations to wipe out the evil and menace of the Axis force in Europe, and Asia, they also have the moral obligation to fight relentlessly to eliminate Hitlerism in America in the form of discrimination and segregation in the Army, Navy, U. S. Marine, Coast Guard, defense industry and the Government. Any Negro is guilty of treason to his race who fails to do his bit to bury iim-crow in America now.

(Continued From Last Week)

it would help or not, he did not in mid-air; he lowered it, looking

as he let it come down with a He flinched; someone was crawl-

like a man falling soundlessly in door here. If that man came up

"Jerry!

"Jerry!"

where the metal of the gun had. The voice sounded clearly in were next to him.

flick of vanishing light. The man ing there, flashing a light around, ner in the snow.

fell away from Bigger, on his face, If that man would only leave! He "Jerry! SAY!

jarring his flesh slightly. His hand had struck had climbed.

frozen, still, as though again about of the fire wagons.

grunt which was a blending of a ing in the loft below him. Would He looked out from behind the

He felt the impact of the blow afraid, called from the open hole ty. But the next time the voice

throughout the length of his arm. through which the man whom he came he knew that the man was

stant, almost of the blow being The voice was a little louder a piece of white pasteboard above

something like a soft cough; his Bigger looked back to the roof to man's voice sounded again Bigger

flashlight fell into the snow, a fast his left; the man was still stand- knew that he had seen his part-

to see about his partner and found Bigger was aware of the click- him sprawled in the snow he would and stood over his partner, then

struck, the white man emitted now. It was the man's partner, the top of the hole and when the tail of men!"

point.

curse, a prayer and a groan,

stopped in mid-air, at the point

to lift and descend. In the in-

Vative Son ... Social Document of

America's Stepchildren

"Jeeerry!"

"Jerry!

"Jerry!"

"Jerry...

Bigger lifted his gun and waited.

The man came out of the hole

he be trapped? A voice, a little chimney. The hole was still emp- shout.

Cruising



'Round

CRUISING round gl 1. Draft Board Creates 2. Mr. Peterson and Churches.

permost in the minds of mothers that playing ball is a waste of time and fathers whose sons are being or something that requires a tav-

3. Mr. Willkie Travels Again.

1942, while other sons registered be dull and trivial at times. all the best young men of the na- swift times. tion and leave those here that We know that we are keeping

ents know that they do, they see ligion. with their own eyes the undenia-ble facts—even though their con-stiff-necked hard-doctrine and rigid clusions are not always right—but churches that dealt out sin and sufficient evidence exists that rad- condemnation in the past years. creating disunity and laxity in the anyway though the terrible prob-support of war. support of war.

human beings differ-draft boards for religion. differ-and the honest difference of boards should not be condemned -but where there are two sons Chicago, Illinois. from different families, both in Class 1A, under the same board make a decision of a board seem That's why Mr. Willkie travels We ask all parents to co-operate man being: with boards - and all boards to make sure that all evidence of seeming unfairness be eliminated, here's hoping the Allies can keep your son, my son—or any other's here's hoping the Allies can keep son cannot feel that they are fighting a war for justice if deep down

their own draft boards. Justice, like charity. begins at home. Now-Mr. Peterson:

There are infinite possibilities in the way girls view their churches

in their hearts they feel that they

have been dealt with unfairly by

There is more to be had from Editor The Recorder, the freedom and the openness that Dear Sir. prevails in a church that has a While the choice is a very broad difference toward other races will girls' softball team that wears one, all people are in one way or in time have a corrupting effect shorts and sweaters.

By Richard Wright

"Surround the block!"

"You got a line on 'im?"

ger heard snatches of talk.

"Looks like he was hit ...

.maybe he's about ..."

Then he saw the man's face not so quiet as before.

pened?"

"I think he's around here!"

That is progress from the Puritanism of the past and the mediocrity that caused dozens to leave the church in other days.

The increased interest in church, because it represents the finer Are draft boards creating dis- ways of living, can have a ball That is the question up team of girls who need not think called to the service of their coun- ern to back it.

So the people change their ideas They ask if the boards are fair, with each new generation. Even why take my son, registered in the brightest young man gets to

in 1941, and in Class 1A have nev- When the churches show their er been called?-then, too-there intention of using every possible is a young man, who didn't finish way of keeping young people ingrade or high school, 1941, Class terested in them, they are at last 1A, yet uncalled. There is anoth- using the methods of clever men er young man paying his way to maintain goodness in the world. through - taking war essential So when we find a colored courses — 1942 registrant — called church with a girls' softball team within ten days after classification, we know that we are keeping in These ask—are they trying to take step with the fast pace of these

are less likely to benefit the counstep with the way the white churches are doing their stuff to Such cases do exist, these par. keep the young interested in re-

icals can use for the purpose of Religion has grown lighter in touch Draft board of human beings- present; for they created the need CARIBBEAN.

Yours truly, -ED. PETERSON.

and there cases are treated dif-Mr. Wendell Willkie travels so There are those who wonder why ferently there is need for at least much in the war zones. It is my an explanation. However, the fault opinion that Mr. Willkie was first lies in the draft law not making to know the world at first hand, second Mr. Willkie has realized and in some instances, a board's that knowing the world makes a quota may be too high in com- man free of narrowness and bigoparison to the physically fit avail- try. He sees that other people able, which necessitates each board live and do things, as Americans dipping into the 1942 class sooner do—and perhaps just as well. He than most parents expected, bas- is made to realize that great as ing their judgment of the calling America is—it is not the only pebof previous classes. These and ble on the beach—and could not other legitimate circumstances may stand with the world against it. unfair, when it's not their fault. it makes him a 100 per cent hu-

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

Bromfield has again given to his public another story which promises to surpass any of his previous writings.

"Until the Day Break" is an authentic story of an American gril who matched wits with the Gestapo in occupied Paris; of Roxana Dawn, who won fame as a featured dancer in Paris; of her lover Nicky; of Levantine de'Abrizzi, her manager; and of the German Major, the personification of "correctness", who loved Roxie with a strange, preverse passion.

The story conveys to a moving degree the love all free men bear Paris, and this is so because Louis Bromfield has lived many years

BREATH OF LIFE Faith Baldwin Cuthrell.

In this dramatic story of an obstetrician, his wife and his nurse, Faith Baldwin Cuthrell has written a new kind of novel - a ovel as real and urgent as todav's headlines. Lydia is a selfish and jealous wife: Jenny Barton, Ron's nurse, is faithful and a devoted servant. Three together were a team, working for Ron's career or at least Ron thought they worked together

Breath of Life is a story of love and life the reader will long re-

Eric Williams wrote this book __"The Negro in the Caribbean"to give the laymen a panoramic but not superficial over-view of the Caribbean area, its island and their people. This study, however, goes further to set the West Indies meaningfully in the perspective of their historic past, as well as to present the problems of the present in a challenging and constructive interpretation looking toward their future.

Other books of interest which have been added to Dunbar Libra-

Walling-The Corps with the Eerie Eve.

Kantor-Gentle Annie. Mann-Gunsmoke trail. Wells-Murder will in. Miller-General Douglas Mac-Arthur - biography. King-Design in Evil.

Garth-Thunder-bird. Cunningham-Death at "the bot-

it is really nonsense and injurious

We see that the attitude of in-

to anyone who holds it.

Public Sentiment In The Editor's Mail

RACE PURISTS INJURIOUS

another declaring their faith that on the racial purists. They will mankind is worthwhile. While some deny themselves that fullness of go to church they may so destroy life which would come from a broad harmony about them by vicious belief in all humanity and good talk and ideas that they are really will toward others. Thus the Nazi declaring their complete lack of have already shut themselves off

belief in man or anything else. Other men finding complete ne- fore the one-race-supreme idea gation too hard, have decided that makes those who hold it while mankind on the whole is much the poorer in this life and not so good, yet there are certain this was created by their own inraces that do have qualities in adequate and insufficient philosthem that make their lives worth- ophy. while. So the Germans have their theory of themselves. The Negro might well adapt this idea. too, but Chicago.

Yours truly. -ED PETERSON.

from the rest of the world. There-

face. He watched the man, mov- front of the eyes when a light has breath. The man turned, walked he went down into the trapdoor of flash a light. The circling beams night, glittering in the glare of close-up slow motion, come out of everywhere—so the click of the through. He waited to hear the be people standing in the hallways ness and he could see that one he would not be able to go much put an end to this terror. It would man or others came upon him. dropped to the street below. be better to run farther over the They were suspicious and would wove among the chimneys, his feet With gun in hand, Bigger crept roofs. He rose; then just as he comb every inch of space on top slipping and sliding over snow, upjutting ridge of the building's came through and stood over then turned and looked back; the ahead of him. Was it something

he had been listening for them all if he had been running any fastnight and when they came he er he would have gone right off coming out, for he could feel the A wild yell went up. Yes; they seemed to feel the sky crashing the roof, hurtling four floors. tremor of the voice, as though it felt that they were near him now, soundlessly about him. What was Dizzily, he drew back. This was He heard the man's shrill whistle the use of running? Would it not the end. There were no more sounding again. It got quiet, but be better to stop, stand up, and roofs over which to run and dodge. There lift his hands high above his head He looked; the man was still comcome through; it was stuck like were shouts of wild joy floating up. in surrender? Hell, naw! He con- ing. Bigger stood up. The siren "Send up a stretcher and a de- tinued to crawl. "Stop, YOU!"

> The man turned and went back his head. He rose and ran to the that the police and vigilantes had to Jerry lying in the snow. Big- ledge, leaped over; ran to the next trapped him upon the roofs. He .how do you supposed it hap among the chimneys so that no had had of the white looming bulk; "Quick! Take a look over the white looming up in the dark; a

The sound of the siren had flat top joined that of the other. Jerry. He was tall and he stooped man was still standing, throwing that would help him? In the split second that he saw stopped at some time which he did He paused and looked back. The over Jerry's form and seemed to the spot of yellow about over the get upon it, or behind it, and hold Bigger grabbed the icy ledge, pecting more shots as he ran, but

He lifted his left hand, ful moment he had gone to sleep self upon it, and lay flat for a mo. The spotlight lit Jerry's face. One ed to climb and run; the fear of of the slashing lances of light a caught it again in his right and door open upon the roof to his chest heaved. He crawled to an- Bigger heard the sound of a whis- him, out of the depths of flesh and ment and he would only waste time. hands and knees, when he heard and he saw himself falling, spinning straight down into that ocean of boiling hate. He gripped the icy The three words made him stop; ledge with his fingers, thinking that

> was lounder than before and there were more shouts and screams. A shot rang out, whining past Yes; those in the streets knew now ledge, leaped over it. He darted remembered the quick glimpse he

a yell. Bigger heard an answering "There he is!"

bulk rising up sheer from the snow

one could see him long enough to he looked up. Directly above him shoot. He looked ahead and saw white with snow, was a high water something huge and round and tank with a round flat top. There